

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] The elements of groups 4, 5, and 6 (except chromium), essentially being titanium (Ti), zirconium (Zr), hafnium (Hf), vanadium (V), niobium (Nb), tantalum (Ta), molybdenum (Mo), and tungsten (W) have a mixed crystal hardening effect and are provided with different activities regarding the non-metal elements carbon and nitrogen. Ta and Nb, for example, form thermally highly stable nitrides, the nitrogen affinity of strong carbide formers Mo and W are low, however. It has been shown that the elements of groups 4, 5, and 6 (except Cr) with a concentration of at least 5 but not more than 20 wt-% in the material are partially embedded in the atomic grid of the matrix in a toughness-increasing manner and partially form nitride and/or carbon nitride dispersion, which increase the intercrystalline stability and, thus, ~~aggravate~~ make more difficult intercrystalline creeping at temperatures above 1000 °C. Additionally, under such conditions, the dispersion effectively prevents a grain increase.